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Fifth Sunday of Easter

10th May 2020

Year A

Psalter Week 1

Pope Francis' Reflection on 'Prayer'

At the General Audience last Wednesday, 6th May 2020, the Holy Father began a new series of catechesis on prayer.

He began his catechesis by noting that prayer is “a cry that arises from the hearts of those who put their trust in God”. He exhorted all the faithful of the world to embrace their life of prayer.

As, over the last few weeks, we have been reflecting on the family as the domestic Church, I thought I would make this catechesis available for your reflection. Below is a summary of the talk given by the Holy Father, as announced by the speaker at the conclusion of the General Audience. I will make the full text of the audience available on the Cathedral website in the ‘Domestic Church’ section.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Today we begin a new series of catechesis on prayer. Prayer is the breath of faith, a cry arising from the hearts of those who trust in God. We see this in the story of Bartimeus, the beggar from Jericho. Though blind, he is aware that Jesus is approaching, and perseveres in calling out: “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” (Mk 10:47). By using the phrase “Son of David”, he makes a profession of faith in Jesus the Messiah. In response the Lord invites Bartimeus to express his desire, which is to be able to see again. Christ then tells him: “Go; your faith has saved you” (v. 52). This indicates that faith is a cry for salvation attracting God’s mercy and power. It is not only Christians who pray but all men and women who search for meaning on their earthly journey. As we continue on our pilgrimage of faith, may we, like Bartimeus, always persevere in prayer, especially in our darkest moments, and ask the Lord with confidence: “Jesus have mercy on me. Jesus, have mercy on us!”

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

The Masses and other liturgies are broadcast via Facebook Live.

Sunday <i>5th of Easter</i>	11:00am	Sung Mass: the Cathedral Community
	12:00pm	The Holy Rosary ~ <i>The Glorious Mysteries</i>
	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions
	4:30pm	Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction
Monday	09:30am	Mass: Ferdz Benedictos - In thanksgiving
	12:00pm	The Holy Rosary ~ <i>The Joyful Mysteries</i>
	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions
	5:00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Tuesday	09:30am	Mass: Bet Mills, <i>RIP</i>
	12:00pm	The Holy Rosary ~ <i>The Sorrowful Mysteries</i>
	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions
	5:00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Wednesday		
Thursday <i>St. Matthias</i>	12:00pm	The Holy Rosary ~ <i>The Luminous Mysteries</i>
	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions
	6:00pm	Mass: Theresa & Michael Collins, <i>RIP</i>
Friday	09:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
	12:00pm	The Holy Rosary ~ <i>The Sorrowful Mysteries</i>
	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions
	5:00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Saturday	09:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
	12:00pm	The Holy Rosary ~ <i>The Joyful Mysteries</i>
	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions
	5:00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Sunday <i>6th of Easter</i>	11:00am	Sung Mass: the Cathedral Community
	12:00pm	The Holy Rosary ~ <i>The Glorious Mysteries</i>
	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions
	4:30pm	Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction

INFORMATION

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Divine Mercy Devotions

It is such a grace to be able to gather together each day in prayer. The Divine Mercy Devotions, celebrated each day **at 3:00pm** - *the Hour of Mercy* - enable us to immerse ourselves in the salvific action of Jesus upon the cross. Jesus said to St. Faustina: *“Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy”*.

Let us continue to seek the mercy of Almighty God.

May ~ Month of Our Lady

May is traditionally dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. Pope Francis has written a letter encouraging us to *“rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May”*. The letter, along with two prayers, can be found here: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20200425_lettera-mesedimaggio.html

During the month of May, we will offer the Holy Rosary each day, except Wednesday, **beginning at 12:00pm**, after the singing of the *Regina Caeli*. The Holy Rosary will be broadcast live. We are in the midst of an historic moment of our history. Let us, during this time, not fear to turn to Our Blessed Lady and seek her intercession and protection.

Solemnity of the Dedication of the Cathedral Church

On Saturday, 23rd May, we remember the Dedication of the Cathedral Church. This is a significant solemnity for the Cathedral community, for, on this day, the physical building was consecrated, set apart to undertake a special task. The introduction to the *Rite of Dedication of a Church* notes that:

“... the holy people, made one as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one, is

the Church that is, the temple of God built of living stones, where the Father is worshiped in spirit and in truth.

Rightly, then, from early times 'church' has also been the name given to the building in which the Christian community gathers to hear the word of God, to pray together, to receive the sacraments, and to celebrate the eucharist.

Because the church is a visible building, it stands as a special sign of the pilgrim Church on earth and reflects the Church dwelling in heaven... ”

Recalling the anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral Church in particular, and reflecting its significance within the Archdiocese and local community, this memorial is celebrated within the Cathedral boundaries as a solemnity. Sung Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop George on **Saturday, 23rd May, beginning at 10:00am.**

The Family as the Domestic Church

There is a section on the Cathedral website with some resources to help your family learn and live out your faith at home. For more information on the Domestic Church, visit <https://www.cardiffcathedral.org.uk/domesticchurch/>

Finance Matters

During these difficult days we are all experiencing, I hope that many of you have benefitted from the Live Streaming of Mass from St. David's Cathedral. We intend to continue this in order to keep the community of faith together in prayer and worship.

Sincere thanks to those parishioners who have continued to support the Cathedral financially in these difficult days, not least through Standing Orders. Needless to say, like so many other charities and businesses, the Cathedral has suffered a major drop in its income during this time of closure and social isolation. Nevertheless, high expenditure continues on maintenance, insurance, security and much else.

If you would like to continue supporting the Cathedral and its ministry in the future, please consider donating to its life and work in either of the following ways:

Firstly, by visiting the Cathedral's *Virgin Money Giving Page* at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/CardiffCathedral>, where you will be able to make a one-off donation to the Cathedral.

Secondly, please consider establishing a regular Standing Order to the Cathedral. This can be set-up easily via your internet banking apps, or, alternatively, by completing the Standing Order form available on the Cathedral website (www.cardiffcathedral.org.uk/finance). A Standing Order can be set up if you Gift Aid your donations via the offering envelopes. For Gift-aiders, please consider making this change to Standing Order.

Thank you once again for your generosity.